GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:217
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
COURT CASES ON ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to encroachment/unauthorised occupation on railway land pending in courts, zone-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Railways for speedy disposal of the cases pending in the courts; and

(c) the success achieved by the Railways as result of the steps taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 217 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO AND SHRI JIVABHAI AMBALAL PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2008 REGARDING COURT CASES ON ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND

(a): Encroachments on railway land is required to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Public Premises

(Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 (PPE Act) and Railways Act, 1989. The zone-wise number of cases relating to encroachments on Railway land pending in courts as on 31.12.2007 are as given below.

RAILWAY ZONES	CASES PENDING IN THE COURT OF ESTATE OFFICERS	CASES PENDING WITH OTHER COURTS	TOTAL CASES PENDING
Central	230	151	381
Eastern	2	30	32
East Central	4	96	100
East Coast	1357	421	1778
Northern	6896	612	7508
North Central	1940	206	2144
North Eastern	897	528	1425
Northeast Frontier	0	21	21
North Western	137	231	368
Southern	7139	1928	8067
South Central	2202	129	2331
South Eastern	1663	65	1728
Southeast-Central	284	93	377
South Western	640	221	991
Western	3069	312	3381
West Central	220	99	319
TOTAL	26680	5143	30951

(b): Court cases are disposed by the well-laid down legal procedures.Steps taken by the Railways for speedy disposal of the court cases include regular monitoring of the pendency of cases with the Estate Officers, proper and timely submission/presentation of the case materials in the courts and regular follow up action to file appeals in time wherever necessary.

(c): During the last five years ending 31.03.2007, Railways have got physical possession of land in approximately 27626 number of cases which were under litigation.